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SUBJECT: CANADIAN PROCUREMENT OF LONG RANGE PATROL AIRCRAFT

1. TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL DEFENSE COLUMNIST, JOHN BEST, REPORTED NOV 5 ON BASIS OF INTERVIEW WITH DEFMIN RICHARDSON, THAT CANADIAN CABINET HAS "POSTPONED INDEFINITELY" CONSIDERATION OF WHICH CONTENDING FIRMS WOULD BE CHOSEN TO BID ON LONG RANGE PATROL AIRCRAFT (LRPA) CONTRACT. BEST SPECULATES THAT SCHEDULE TO FIND REPLACEMENT FOR CANADA'S ARGUS HAS STARTED TO SLIP SERIOUSLY. BEST REPORTS THAT PRICES TENDERED BY CONTESTANTS WERE MUCH HIGHER THAN HAD BEEN ANTICIPATED AND THAT PROCUREMENT OF LRPA MAY COST CLOSER TO ONE BILLION DOLLARS RATHER THAN PREVIOUS ESTIMATE OF 450 TO 750 MILLION. BEST REPORTS THAT MINISTER RICHARDSON SAID THAT HE HAS DECIDED "TO TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT HIS RECOMMENDATION WHICH WOULD HAVE NARROWED THE FIELD TO TWO CONTENDERS." BEST ALSO REPORTS SPECULATION IN OTTAWA THAT LOCKHEED AND BOEING ARE THE TWO MOST LIKELY CANDIDATES TO RECEIVE THE LRPA CONTRACTS. BEST SPECULATES THAT RICHARDSON MAY INCREASE THE FINAL LIST FROM TWO TO THREE FIRMS.

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WM OFFICE OF DEFENSE MINISTER RICHARDSON CONFIRMS THAT  
CABINET CONSIDERATION OF LRPA CONTRACTS HAS BEEN DELAYED  
"BECAUSE OF THE PRESS OF OTHER BUSINESS," BUT NOTES THAT  
SOME UNSPECIFIED ASPECTS OF GLOBE AND MAIL STORY ARE  
"INCORRECT."  
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